

# Brightman Street Bridge



View South. Photo taken from Veteran Memorial Bridge September 12, 2011

Carries	closed to all traffic
Crosses	<a href="#">Taunton River</a>
Locale	<a href="#">Somerset to Fall River, Massachusetts</a>
Design	two-leaf bascule bridge
Total length	922 ft
Longest span	98 ft <sup>[1]</sup>
Clearance below	27 ft
Construction begin	1906
Construction end	1908
Opened	October 10, 1908
Closed	October 11, 2011 <sup>[2]</sup>
Coordinates	 <a href="#">41°43′26.26″N</a> <a href="#">71°09′20.51″W</a>

The **Brightman Street Bridge** is a 922-foot (281 m) long, four-lane wide drawbridge spanning the [Taunton River](#) between the town of [Somerset](#) and the city of [Fall River, Massachusetts](#). It was authorized in 1903 by the state legislature, and building took place between 1906 and 1908, when it opened full-time on October 10, 1908. It was closed to vehicular traffic on October 11, 2011